



## City of Middletown

### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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### **MIDDLETOWN CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC STARTING TUESDAY, AUGUST 3 UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST 9**

MIDDLETOWN-- Mayor Ben Florsheim announced today that Middletown City Hall will be closed to the public starting Tuesday, August 3, 2021. The building will tentatively reopen to the public on Monday, August 9, 2021. Staff will be working either remotely or in shifts during this time to ensure continued operations of all essential business.

“Due to a small outbreak of COVID-19 cases among city employees, several staff members are currently quarantining,” Mayor Florsheim said. “In the past 24 hours, as more information came to light suggesting a much larger outbreak would be possible without immediate action to restrict the spread of disease, we came to the decision that the best option for the safety of our staff and the public is to work fully remotely for the next few days. Employees will return to work following the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC and local public health officials.”

City health officials do not believe there is risk to members of the public who have visited city hall in recent days. Nevertheless, the city continues to encourage all residents to mask up, wash hands frequently, practice social distancing, and to quarantine and get tested per CDC guidelines. A list of free COVID-19 testing locations in Middletown can be found at <https://www.middletownct.gov/>.

During this period, voicemails and emails will be monitored and essential city business will continue. Payment of bills, including city taxes, may be done online, or by using drop boxes located at City Hall. If residents require assistance, they can leave a message with the department in question or with the Mayor’s Office at 860-638-4801. Contact information for all city departments is located on the City of Middletown website at <https://www.middletownct.gov/991/Contact-Us>.

The Mayor went on to state, “I understand that people are concerned about the uptick in cases, and at the same time are exhausted by the relentless and changing nature of the Covid-19 pandemic. I encourage everyone to wear their masks in indoor public settings, and to be patient with one another as public health guidance evolves. My personal thinking when making decisions is to ask what can I do to minimize the risk not only to myself, but to other people. There are some in our community who simply cannot take the Covid-19 vaccine, and those who are particularly vulnerable. Therefore, I hope each individual will make the compassionate choice to do everything possible to ensure everyone’s safety and well-being.”

The City of Middletown wishes all residents a safe and healthy summer.

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